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**From:** Li, Corine  
**Sent:** Tue 8/11/2015 2:14:41 PM  
**Subject:** Re: The Animas River release

Bessie after a long day of meetings inadvertently switched the sources for the two systems (Mexican hat intakes and Montezuma creek wells) ,

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2015, at 9:03 PM, Lee, Bessie <Lee.Bessie@epa.gov> wrote:

David,

Below is some information about the wells that could be impacted. However, because there are so many different USEPA offices and regions asking for information and giving out information, some coordination may be needed. The Water Division is supporting in the response by Region 9. Pete Guria is the Incident Commander for the Incident. Both Mike Montgomery and Corine Li have been working on the response by the Water Division with Pete and the rest of the Region 9 staff working on the Region 9 response. Before sharing the information with Headquarters and others, it may be worth letting Pete, Mike, and Corine (who is copied on this e-mail) know you are sharing the information with Headquarters and others, as well as getting an update on the activities to date.

The public water systems that could be impacted are NTUA water systems that are regulated by Navajo EPA. The water systems are:

<u>PWS ID No.</u>	<u>System</u>	<u>System Classification</u>
NN-4903018	Montezuma Creek – NTUA	CWS – Groundwater system
NN-4903032	Mexican Hat – NTUA	CWS – Surface water system

The wells for the Mexican Hat water system were taken offline a couple of days ago. The slug of contamination had not yet reached the area when the wells were taken offline.

The intake for the Montezuma Creek water system is in the San Juan River. The intake was shut down a week ago due to the high turbidity of the water. This was before the release. NTUA's standard operating procedure is to take the intake offline if the water is too muddy.

NTUA is hauling water from other NTUA water systems to the Mexican Hat and Montezuma Creek water system to keep their storage tanks full.

Another NTUA public water system that has been discussed is the Aneth water system (PWS ID NN-4900220). This system is also regulated by Navajo EPA. However, because the Aneth wells are 8 miles from the San Juan River, NTUA does not think the Aneth system will be affected.

Hope this helps.

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Bessie Lee

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**From:** Albright, David

**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:51 PM

**To:** Bahrman, Sarah; Irizarry, John; DI Network

**Subject:** RE: The Animas River release

We're pulling together some information to send out within our Division and I should be able to forward that to this group.

Thanks,

David

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**From:** Bahrman, Sarah  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:11 PM  
**To:** Irizarry, John; DI Network  
**Subject:** RE: The Animas River release

Hi John – there were some Navajo systems impacted. Region 9 would be able to provide you with those details.

Thanks

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**From:** Irizarry, John  
**Sent:** Monday, August 10, 2015 3:37 PM  
**To:** DI Network  
**Subject:** The Animas River release

Good afternoon DINet,

Although the Animas River release started in R8 it is my understanding that it is now impacting Regions 6, 8 and 9. I wanted to reach out to those regions to see if they have any information to share on the subject regarding tribes or tribal systems affected by the release.

Thanks in advance,

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Winston Churchill, Former Prime Minister.